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United States Patent Application

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The specification of which

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b. ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

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or

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